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Letter dated 15 December 1992 from the Permanent Representative of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

I enclose a copy of the text of the conclusions on Africa drawn by the Council of Ministers of the European Communities at its meeting in Edinburgh on 11 and 12 December 1992 (see annex).

I should be grateful if the text of the present letter and its annex could be circulated as an official document of the General Assembly, under agenda items 27 and 33, and of the Security Council.

(Signed) D. H. A. HANNAY

ANNEX

Conclusions on Africa drawn by the Council of Ministers of the European Communities at its meeting in Edinburgh on 11 and 12 December 1992

The European Council confirms its commitment to improve conditions of life in Africa. During the last six months, the European Community and its member States have provided substantial food, medical and other humanitarian assistance to help overcome the disasters of drought and famine. In those countries most affected, they have provided up to half of the total aid.

The European Community and its member States have also been closely involved in efforts to end conflicts. Individually and jointly, they have supported United Nations activities to end the civil war in Liberia and have made significant political efforts to encourage the implementation of the peace agreements in Angola and Mozambique. In Angola the European Council urges both sides, particularly UNITA, to abide by the peace agreement, respect the cease-fire, proceed with demobilization and with the formation of the new unified armed forces. It calls upon UNITA to accept unequivocally the results of the elections held on 29 and 30 September 1992 and encourages the Government to continue the democratic process with a view to the reconciliation of the people of Angola.

The European Community and its member States fully support Security Council resolution 794 (1992) authorizing States Members of the United Nations to use all necessary means to provide a secure environment for humanitarian relief operations in Somalia. The European Council welcomes the humanitarian efforts of the Community and its member States and the contributions of a number of member States to the United Nations force. It hopes that the implementation of Security Council resolution 794 (1992) will encourage national reconciliation and promote a lasting political settlement. It attaches particular importance to ensuring the safety of the personnel involved in the relief effort.

In South Africa the European Council notes that the prospects for a resumption of negotiations have improved. It urges the parties to proceed soon to a transitional government and fully democratic elections. The European Community and its member States hope that the presence of European Community observers and the provision of development aid will help to put an end to all types of violence and assist a peaceful transition.

The European Council notes with concern reports from Kinshasa that President Mobutu has dismissed the Government and suspended the implementation of the democratic reforms decided by the National Sovereign Conference of Zaire. The European Council reaffirms the importance it attaches to the democratic process in Zaire, condemns any interference with that process and underlines its support for the present Government appointed by the National Conference.

The European Council recalls that the European Community and its member States have had cause to express concern in recent months about the human rights situation in a number of African countries. It is, nevertheless, encouraged by the continuing efforts being made in many countries to apply the principles of democracy, good government and human rights and to implement sound economic policies. The Community and its member States will continue to support those efforts.